

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1. – 17. (Canceled)

18. (New) A system for supporting a communication to operate a trading center comprising:

at least one first workstation on a side of an operator; and

a plurality of second workstations with access to the internet on a side of an initiator,

wherein at the first workstation, a matrix with at least four dimensions can be generated and can be transmitted from there,

wherein each dimension includes at least one selection list,

the selection list comprising:

at least a first initiator list,

a second market segment list,

a third product list, and

a fourth trading scenario list, and

wherein each selection list comprises a number of elements, which can be individually marked for selection or unselection,

wherein each marking of one of the elements can be stored and recalled,

wherein the matrix can be called and processed at each of the second workstations, and

wherein the processed matrix can be sent from each of the second workstations, and

wherein the sent and processed matrix can be processed at the first workstation.

19. (New) The system according to claim 18, further comprising:

a server;

a firewall; and

a router,

wherein the server, the firewall, and the router are between the first workstation and the second workstation, and

wherein a dedicated line and a web server are arranged between the router and the second workstation.

20. (New) The system according to claim 18 or 19, wherein each element is scalable.

21. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein, via the elements of the first initiator list, at least a buyer or seller can be selected.

22. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein, via the elements of the market segment list, at least one market segment can be selected.

23. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein, via the element of the product list at least one product group or a product can be selected.

24. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein, via the elements of the trading scenario list at least one trading scenario can be selected.

25. (New) The system according to claim 18, further comprising at least one services list,  
wherein the elements of the at least one services list can be used to select a service provider for an administrative function or a logistical function.

26. (New) The system according to claim 25,  
wherein the service provider selected is a liquidating company, a transportation company, a logistics company, a filling company, a packing company, a bank, an insurance company, or a laboratory.

27. (New) the system according to claim 25,  
wherein the selection list further comprises a service provider list that is selectable via the trading scenario list.

28. (New) The system according to claim 18, further comprising:  
at least one company list,

wherein the at least one company list is selectable via the market segment list, the product list, the trading scenario list, or the services list.

29. (New) The system according to claim 18, further comprising:

at least one product specifications list,

wherein the elements of the at least one product specifications list is used to select product specifications comprising at least a quantity, a condition, or packaging.

30. (New) The system according to claim 29, wherein the product specification list is selected by means of the product list.

31. (New) The system according to claim 18, wherein the operator is an internet platform operator or a service provider.